

JOE B. ADAMS
CONSULTING GEOLOGIST
July 1, 2004

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING
WX D RC SU 117
Catahoula Lake FIELD
LaSalle Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

BELLE EXPLORATION, INC., Inc. ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Wilcox D Formation, Reservoir C in Catahoula Lake Field, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an alternate unit well located as shown on the attached plat, as an alternate unit well for the Wilcox D, Reservoir C, SU 117.
2. To find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the WX D RC SU 117 underlying the unit upon which it is to be drilled and completed and which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any other well on such unit.
3. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Wilcox D Zone, Reservoir C in Catahoula Lake Field, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana was fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 773-F, effective January 1, 1986.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect such data should contact Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from the Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided for by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this hearing application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore no such notice has been issued.

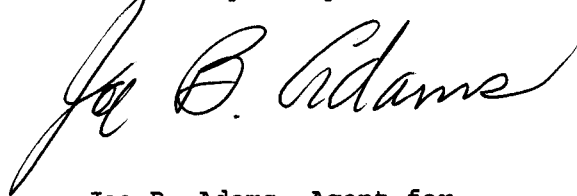
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Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Monroe District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause the Legal Notice to be published in a newspaper published in the general area of Catahoula Lake Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Applicant will also mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties when received by the Applicant.

A check in the amount of \$ 755.00 payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joe B. Adams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Joe B. Adams, Agent for
Belle Exploration, Inc.

cc: Mr. Clarence Chandler
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties on the attached list.

SUNNY SOUTH O & G
WOODS

SU 52
SEAGULL OPERATING
BRADFORD

JUSTISS-MEARS
GEORGE WOODS ETAL

BELLE EXPLORATION
SHIRLEY, ETAL - DWTD STATE
SU 116

LOT 2

BELLE EXPLORATION
SHIRLEY ETAL SWD

SU 120
LOT 3

SEC. 41
SEC. 25

SHIRLEY, ETAL

UNIT BOUNDARY

DWTD, ETAL

LOT 5

SU 117

1274'

SU 121

LOCATION
LAT: 31°33'14" N
LONG: 92°06'21" W

BELLE EXPL.
SL 18827, ETAL

BELLE EXPLORATION
SHIRLEY ETAL-STATE

STATE OF LOUISIANA LEASE 18827, ETAL

STATE OF LOUISIANA

RC SU 3

RC SU 4

RC SU 5

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SL 1461
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LEGEND

○ UNIT WELL

◊ PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

Exhibit No.

Docket No. 04-

BELLE EXPLORATION, INC.

CATAHOULA LAKE FIELD

LaSalle Parish, Louisiana

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
WX D RC SU117

Date: , 2004

Witness: Joe B. Adams